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1. Residents of Leisnig (N 52/K 69) agree that the two barracks installations on both sides of Kolditzer Strasse quartered a total of 2,000 troops, equipped with 50 to 60 tanks and SP guns, an undetermined number of light artillery pieces, rocket launchers and some AA guns. No heavy weapons were observed, however, between 29 November and 2 December. Local residents stated that the Infanterie Kaserne quartered a tank unit and the Busche Kaserne an artillery unit. They claimed that artillery pieces and rocket launchers were kept in the garages of the Infanterie Kaserne. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the EW quarters of the Infanterie Kaserne and in the eastern buildings of the Busche Kaserne.

2. The former Kreis hospital and three adjoining buildings on the west side of Eulenburgerstrasse, a side street of Kolditzer Strasse, had been converted into Soviet officers' billets and an officers' mess. Only one building on the west side of Eulenburger Strasse had remained in private hands. A total of 50 to 60 officers, most of whom wore artillery insignia and some tank insignia, were observed at the former hospital.

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* Comment. The statements fairly definitely confirm the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div in Leisnig. In addition, the information by local residents indicates that the rocket launcher battalion of the division may also be stationed in Leisnig. On the basis of only vague information, the battalion has been assumed to be in Wurzen or Grimma. The light artillery pieces may have been AT guns, the assignment of which are not clear, however.

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